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### FERTILIZERS AND OTHER THINGS.

In preparing this little treatise on potatoes the writer is confronted at the outset with the thought that, as the pamphlet is to have a national circulation, he must talk to growers in all parts of the country and so conform to a multitude of circumstances and have something interesting and profitable for each.

It would be very misleading and harmful to lay down any definite method of growing potatoes, or any other crop, for that matter. Consequently it will perhaps be best for us to look over many methods and ideas and see what good we can find in each.

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All sorts of conclusions will be arrived at and all perhaps correct. These would be a few of the results,—nitrate of soda, sulphate of potash, superphosphate of lime, barnyard manure, green crops plowed under, some one of the many special potato fertilizers, or some of the complete commercial fertilizers.

The soils which would afford success with these different fertilizers would be vastly different in their resources and wants, and the different soils and fertilizers could not change places with one another and give any success.

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With the special potato manure or even any good commercial fertilizer made as a general crop manure, the results ought to be satisfactory on a poor soil and even if a little predisposed to grow scabby potatoes under other circumstances.

To illustrate a little farther, to show how a man should use all the light he can get and then be his own guide, a man whose farm is on the fertile meadows, along the banks of the Conn. river, passed, last spring, a farmer who is farther back from the river and on higher ground and whose soil is gravelly, while the latter was planting potatoes. He was putting a small shovelful of barnyard manure in the hill and dropping the potato onto it and covering all at the same time with soil. The passer-by says "Why, is that the way you plant potatoes? I shouldn't get a potato fit to market if I did that way." The potatoes turned out all right, with little or no scab.

As handsome and smooth potatoes as the writer saw at any of the fairs the past Fall, were exhibited at one of our local fairs, and they were grown on hen manure, in a gravelly soil. Again—a certain local farmer says he hasn't had but one decent crop of potatoes during the some several years he has been farming, and that crop was grown on one of the special potato manures; but it cost so much he thought he would see if he couldn't find something else that would do, which was cheaper, but having tried something different each year, he says that the coming season he is going back to that special potato fertilizer again.

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soil had been yielding, for many years, potash enough to grow a crop of potatoes without applying any of that element. With such a soil it is useless to expend money for potash but put it into the other two elements. Of course it is understood that such a process will result in getting to an end of the available potash sometime, the extent of which, however, experiment will only tell. These illustrations are given simply to suggest the idea to some that they can possibly fertilize their land cheaper than they are doing now and attain as good results. It may pay you to do a little experimenting in this direction, by trying several of the single elements or combinations of them to determine whether the soil needs a complete manure or not and if not, what it does need.

Another thing in this connection which some may have to contend with, and we have seen a complaint in this direction during the past season. Where land has a great abundance of lime in it the workings of some special fertilizers are upset by the phosphoric acid of the fertilizer uniting with the lime in the soil, forming a somewhat insoluble compound, which results in the fertilization being as if only nitrogen and phosphoric acid had been applied with the consequent failure of the crop and condemnation of the fertilizer. While the writer wouldn't wish to undertake to say how to best remedy this trouble, he offers as a suggestion that some fertilizer can be found by experiment perhaps, if in no other way, which yields up its phosphoric acid reluctantly and thus the plant will be likely to get more of it than a quick acting fertilizer. Of course barnyard manure is such a fertilizer, but where one don't wish to use this, it is quite probable some substitute can be found.

If barnyard manure must be used, by all means, if it is possible, plow it in, in the fall, which will lessen the evil effects of scab, if potatoes grow scabby on your soil. Perhaps, right here as well as anywhere, we can make a few suggestions on

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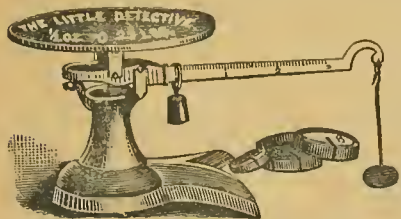
Nothing reliable is known of the cause of this trouble, high authority being about equally divided on it, part believing it to be a fungus growth while others think it the work of wire or other worms.

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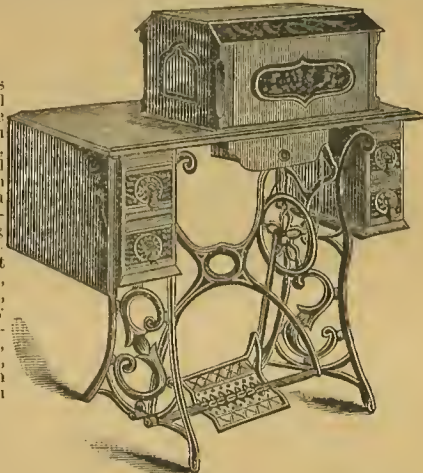
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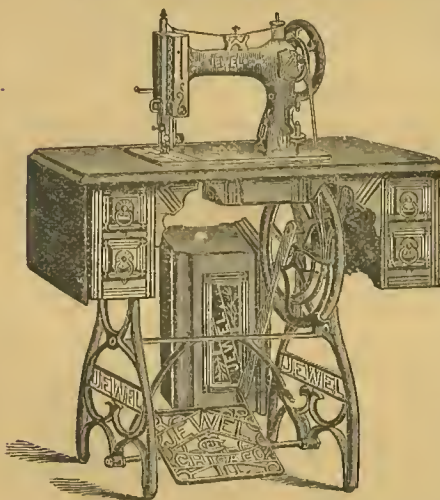
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Leaving the matter of fertilizers for a little, to speak of them again, we wish to notice the different

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advance in farm machinery, extensive growers, or small ones for that matter, will find a real saving in the first cost of a potato crop.

Then with the potato planters, there are the sulkey cultivators and the sprinkling carts for distributing paris green or other poison over several rows at once, and finally and not the least valuable, the really successful potato-digger.

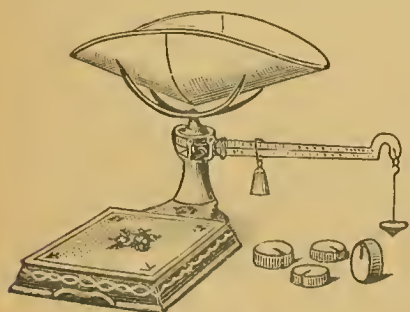
Speaking of diggers,—probably most who read this will say they are a failure—so they are, all but one or two out of the hundred or more different kinds. We will notice these again when we come to the harvesting of the crop.

Of the methods of planting, one has been watched with considerable interest during the past season and that is known as the Rural New Yorker Trench system. By this method of preparing the soil and planting Mr. E. S. Carman, the editor of the Rural New Yorker undertook to grow over 700 bushels per acre, on an agreement with the editor of the Farm Journal of Philadelphia, that if he succeeded the latter, Mr. Wilmer Atkinson, was to pay \$50 to some charity and if he failed he would make this payment.

Mr. Carman paid the money but at the same time demonstrated that the *trench system* had merit in it. The cause of the failure of the crop to exceed 700 bu. per acre was pronounced by the judges to be caused by the ravages of the flea-beetle instead of any lack of merit in the system.

The essentials of the system are, to trench out the soil to a depth of eight inches and a foot wide, distribute fertilizer in the bottom which is stirred into the soil, cover with two inches of dirt, plant the seed, one foot apart in the row, cut so that each piece will have three strong eyes, and cover with soil so that the ground will be level.

The advantages claimed for this system of planting are, the protection of the crop against drought, the rendering of the plant food more available, and the protection of the tubers from sunburn.



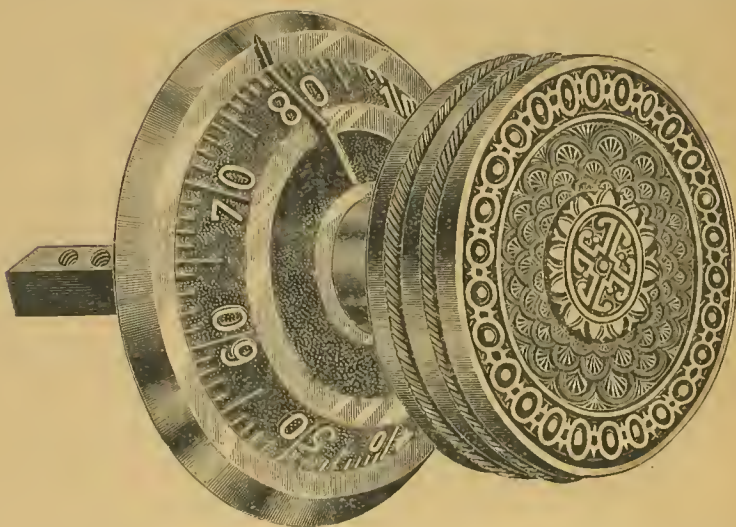
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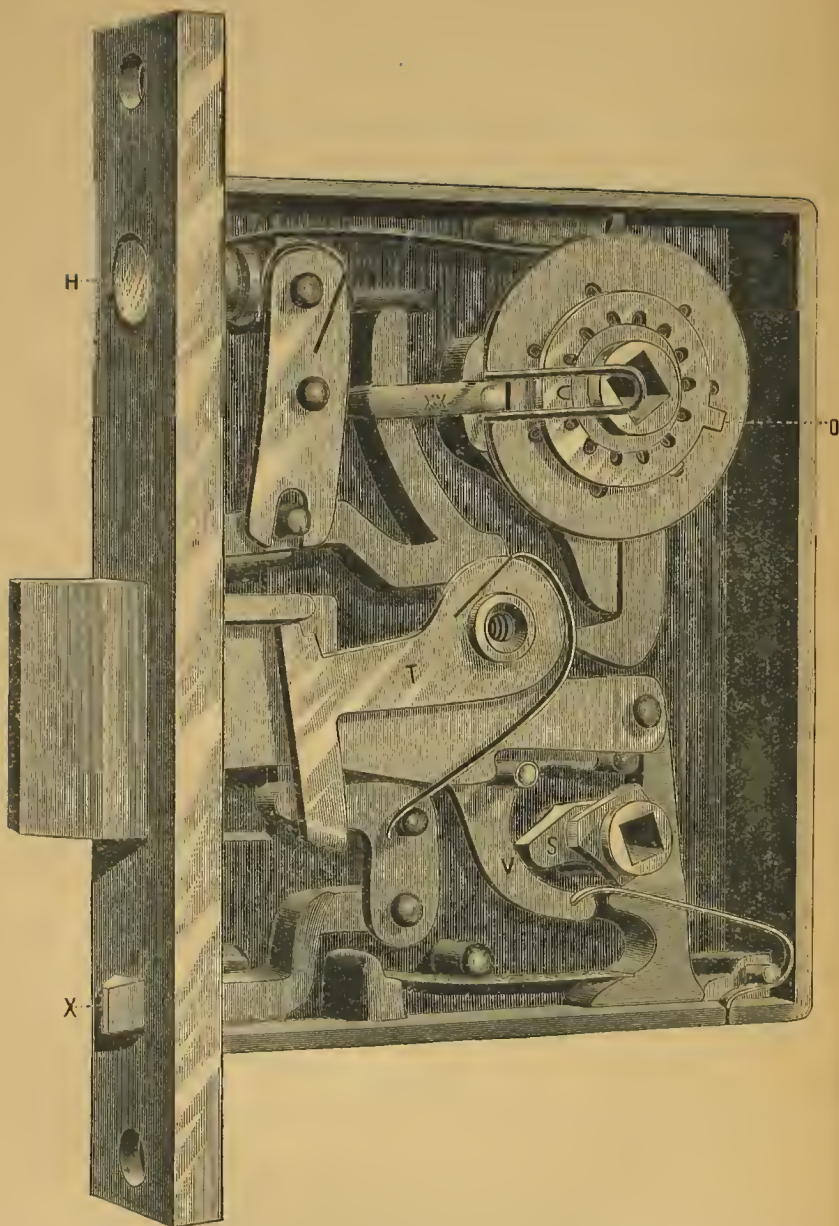


While we read recently the adverse opinion of an extensive grower on this method as tried by him, we believe there is real merit in it and that if it can be adopted in some practical way so that the horse and usual machidery can be used, that it will be a decided advance in the cultivation of the crop for profit.



We think the system certainly deserves a wide and thorough test by practical growers. Let us hear what the result is in the fall. Plow out a generous furrow in the field and strew the fertilizer, and then with whatever tool you have mix it thoroughly with the soil, use a subsoil plow if you can't find anything else, letting it into the bottom of the furrow but an inch or two, drop the potatoes and cover with any tool you have that will do the job; in my vicinity people use tobacco ridgers. While covering I should want to try a few rows with the seed covered only two or three inches instead of six as Mr. Carman proposes. It seems as if they would come up quicker and the cultivating would throw the soil into the furrow and cover up the small weeds, thus saving hoeing and still leave the field in level cultivation. Thus perhaps this new and interesting system of planting is sufficiently described to mention some of the common methods. Some farmers mark their ground both ways three or more feet apart and plant at the corners, thus being able to cultivate both ways saving much hand hoeing. This makes considerable more ground to go over in sprinkling poison and gathering the crop. We think however that since the advent of the Colorado beetle that growers have taken to planting thicker, which necessitates richer soil to secure good marketable potatoes. The systems of planting in hills and drills each have their advocates and are too well known to need comment here. Those who have planted in drills may have experienced a difficulty in dropping the seed by its bounding around in the furrow, thus making very crooked rows to bother in cultivating and leaving the hills very irregularly spaced. We saw last summer at the excellent farm of Geo. B. McClellan, of Whately, Mass., a neat and very simple device of his own for obviating this very difficulty. His was simply a square spout made of common narrow boards, leaving a hole in the center 2 1-2 or 3 inches square. This spout was about 33 inches high, had a handle projecting at right angles to one of its sides about six inches from the top, and a tail piece of strap iron nailed to the bottom pointing in the same direction as the handle and about two feet long, bent up at the end to be just 18 inches long from the center of the spout, the dis-

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tance he plants his potatoes in the row. The man who drops the potatoes has them in a basket or bag suspended from the shoulders and with this guide or spout in one hand he drops the potatoes through it, the end of the tail piece always resting on the last potato dropped. This little device secures perfect spacing and straight rows if they are furrowed straight. A second man follows with the fertilizer, dropping a spoonful a couple inches away from the seed piece, and a third man follows with hoe and covers. This spout can be made of round 3 in. tin pipe and I would suggest that the tail piece be fastened up four or six inches from the bottom to allow for irregularities in the bottom of the furrow. This device is not patented and so any who wish to make it can do so. I shall give a cut of it if it can be done in time to appear in the last pages to go to press.

The recent advent of the potato planter is to the potato grower what the mowing machine was to the dairyman and stock feeder, and is destined to soon become a common farm implement throughout our land of progressive and labor saving farmers.

#### AS TO CUTTING OF SEED

There are about as many practical growers for it as against it and the pet theories of each cover all degrees of size from large whole tubers down to single eye cuttings.

Here is a field for almost unlimited discussion and extended experiments. This is another place where it is hard to advise, the circumstances mainly, deciding the case. It would be a waste of money to pay a high price for a novelty in potatoes and plant whole tubers, and it probably would be unwise in most all cases to undertake to cut up fine seed which was only a little more expensive than potatoes to eat. On this subject the Experiment Stations have shed some light. Most of them agree in the conclusion that whole potatoes yield more per acre than cuttings under exactly the same circumstances. The large tuber furnishes nourishment to the young plant before it gets a large root development, thus enabling it to make a vigorous start at first; whereas the cutting may be so small that it will dry up or get a week behind the other plant for lack of immediate nourishment and enough of it. One if not more of the Experiment Stations I believe has found in favor of cuttings in yield of marketable potatoes. Where the tests seem to be unfair is that a single eye is expected as much of alone by itself, three feet from a neighbor as of a large, whole tuber. If the tests were made with

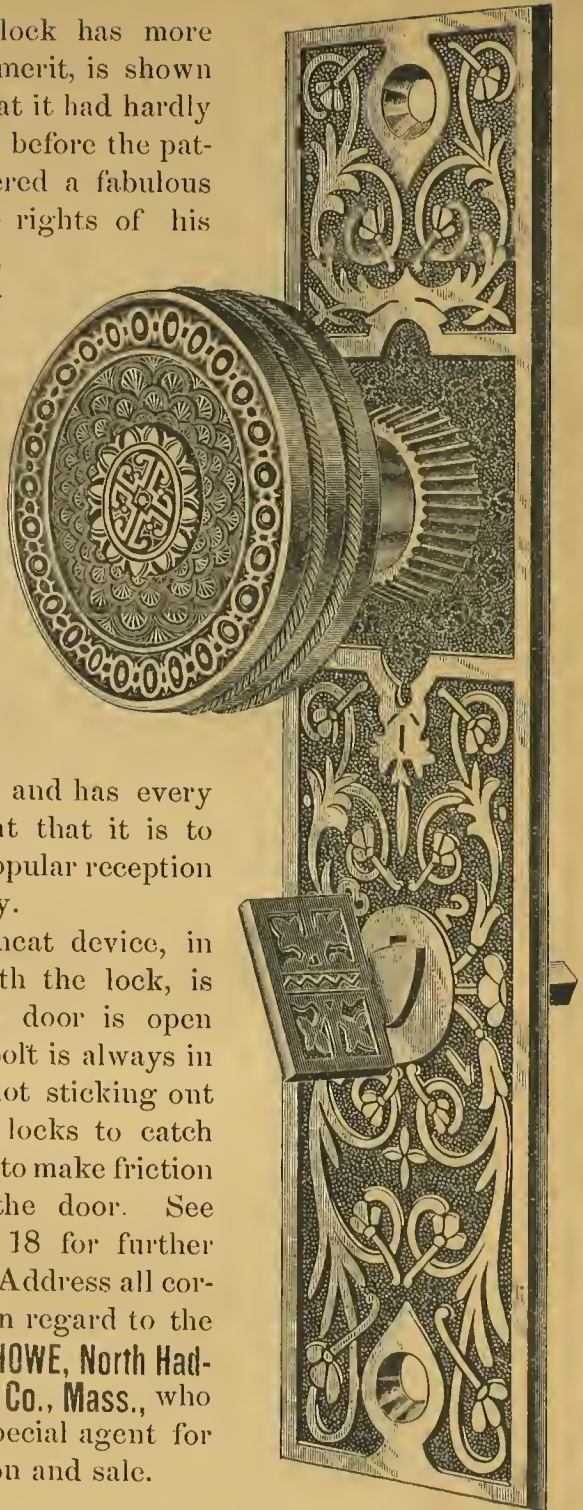
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I exhibited at only three Fairs the past Fall, but took a Premium at each one, on collection of Potatoes.



That this lock has more than passing merit, is shown by the fact that it had hardly been patented before the patentee was offered a fabulous sum for the rights of his invention, which he however refused, being assured by old lock men that it was of extraordinary value and he would do better to manufacture it. He sold his foreign rights for a very respectable sum and has every encouragement that it is to have a very popular reception in this country.

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whole tubers planted two or three feet apart in the rows, and the single eyes eight to twelve inches apart. I think the single eye patch would make a creditable showing with the whole tuber patch, with very much lighter seeding at that.

The fact seem to be that whole tubers give a large total yield with a large per cent. of small potatoes, while with one or two eye cuttings the total yield may not be as great, but the yield of marketable potatoes is likely to be greater. One of the leading seed potato growers of the country plants only single eye cuttings. My entire crop last season was from single eye cuttings and got about fifteen bushels from a single half peck of seed of one variety. My average yield was between three and four hundred bushels per acre. Yet we can be sure of this fact from the tests of the Stations that the larger the seed piece attached to the eye the better plant it will make.

In the cultivation of the crop the great thing is to keep down the weeds and keep the soil mellow. There are many modern devices for cultivating, each probably with some particular merit, and from the large list to pick from, all of us ought to be pretty well satisfied. For small patches it is more convenient to apply paris green mixed with plaster through sieves made especially for the purpose. at the rate of from 50 to 100 lbs. of plaster to a pound of the green, if it is pure, which ought to cover thoroughly a half acre to an acre of potatoes according to heaviness of seeding and size of tops. For a large field it is cheapest to drive through the field with a sprinkling cart, which keeps stirring the water all the time to prevent the poison from sinking to the bottom, as it is insoluble in water, and sprinkles several rows at a time and more effectually than plaster can do it if the flow of water is gauged correctly. About a teaspoonful of Paris green to a gallon of water.

As the leaves of the potato plant are as important to the development of the tuber as the lungs of a boy are to his growth, it is of the

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utmost importance that the bngs be kept, in subjection. As soon as the tops are ripe, either from natural causes or disease, the tubers will be better off in the cellar than in the ground.

So, unless selling for early market, when they are dry while the tops are yet quite green, the next thing in order will be digging and storing away.

As the only really successful diggers are pretty expensive, a farmer who raises but an acre or two of potatoes will have to dig them by the old fashioned back-breaking method, which, however, is thorough if it is hard and slow. This is where the disadvantage of the small grower comes in more than anywhere else. With several acres of potatoes the owner could not afford to pass a single season without one of the best potato diggers, and he will save money with it even the first year.

If you are particular to have a very fine flavored potato, don't let it lie exposed to the sun only just long enough to dry the surface. Do not let it heat clear through as it must be cooled off again before putting into bins or barrels in the cellar. Potatoes soon become under the action of the sun like the leaves, green and bitter. Now is the time to save out seed potatoes for another year, especially so if digging by hand. When you come to an extra productive hill throw out one side the largest ones, it won't hurt these for seed if they do get sunburned a little.

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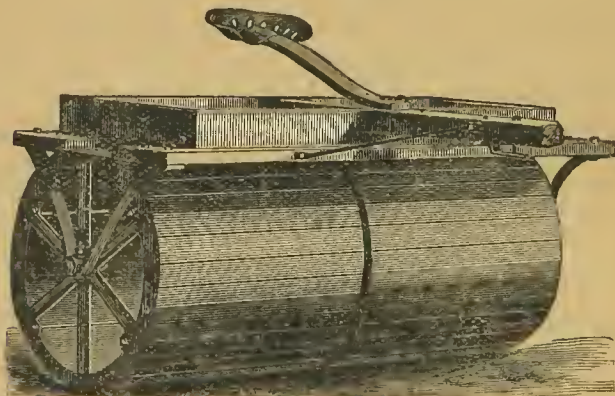
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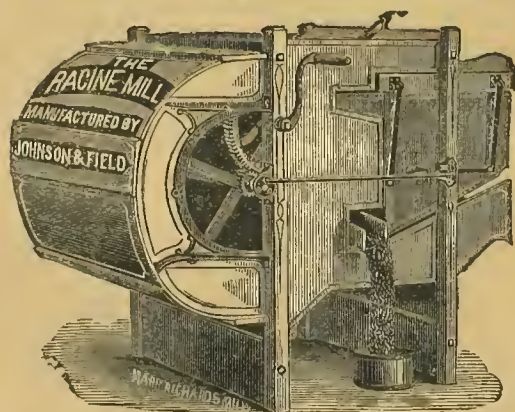
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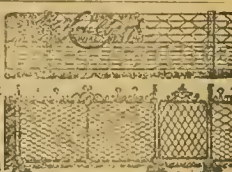
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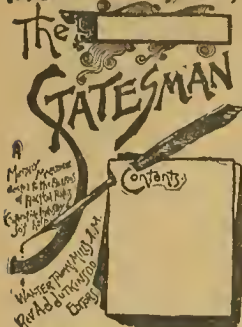
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These great red onions that you are admiring here were the product of Maule's strain of Wonderful Red; these great white ones are Burfee's Silver King, and so on. I have no particular use for them, growing strawberries mainly, as I do; but it gives me a feeling of pleasure, just as it does you, in this: that these new things are really what they are represented to be, and that they are certainly superior to the common King we have been selling."

Now, the above may not have been exactly friend C.'s words, but they are the sum and substance of them, and I do think that every one of you who receives one of these beautifully illustrated catalogues, with their colored plates, ought to send the proprietor at least a small order for seeds, by way of encouragement. If you pay 10 or 25 cts. for the catalogue, you need not make an order unless you choose; but where it is sent you free, I think you can pick out at least a few simple things that will be worth all they cost you, and at the same time prove an encouragement to the one who expends so much money in getting up the catalogue.

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## HOWE'S POTATO MANUAL FOR 1890.

*I intend that next year's Manual shall be as much better and more interesting than this one as this is better than nothing. And to secure that end I will pay you for your co-operation as follows: From 10 cts. to \$1.00 worth of potatoes from my next year's catalogue, according to the amount of trouble you go to and the apparent value of the information sent. Such as have a measure of success in growing potatoes can give their method of growing, harvesting and marketing. State particularly what fertilizers you use and how they are used and what quantity. State the quantity grown and the yield per acre, whether early or late, or if part of each what proportion. What varieties grown. What the character of the soil is, when the planting season begins, what the method of planting and cultivating is, quantity of seed used per acre and what tools are used, and, if particularly useful, where they are made. Any experience with seed, fertilizers, tools or methods that have proved unprofitable. State where your market is and average price obtained per bushel, and estimate how many bushels are grown in your town and how many in your county. Also any other information on the subject that will be likely to be of value in making up this little *Encyclopaedia on the potato*.*

All articles sent in will be acknowledged and the price allowed on them stated as soon as received. Probably none will be given credit after November 1, as that will leave none too much time to do the compiling before sending the matter to press.

No names will be used for publication without special permission. Send in the items as early as possible and on sheets of paper separate from all other business.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

This Manual furnishes a peculiarly valuable advertising medium, its readers being obtained largely by advertising in the leading agricultural and other papers of the country at large, whose combined *actual subscribers amount to over a million, each issue.*

I wish to keep the standard of my Manual at the highest possible point such a publication can occupy, and shall make it a particular item to admit no advertisements of a *second rate*, to say nothing of those of a doubtful nature. Advertisements of this sort will not be admitted at any price.

My terms for the next issue will be very moderate, and any who would like to have the recommend an advt. in my Manual would give them, are requested to correspond with me about the matter before the first of October, if possible.

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## HOW TO SEND MONEY.

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It is not safe to send coin, stamps, or postal notes in ordinary letters. While probably a thousand would come through all right, one might be tampered with. Do not take the risk, the best ways are, to send by bank drafts, P. O. Money Order, Express Money Order, and registered letter. The latter way is a little slow. If it is more convenient to send a common personal check than anything else, I will take that, but prefer one of the other methods. Have all money papers payable to my order. Do not send a check or draft that is not payable to me, with simply your name and nothing else endorsed on it as then it is only a little safer than so much coin in the letter; but write over your name "pay to the order of G. D. Howe." If sending a P. O. Money Order, have it payable at Northampton, Mass. To all those who send by either of the first three ways named above, I put in some 10c. premium, of my own selection. U. S. postage stamps of any denomination taken up to Mar. 15, after which send only one and two cent stamps. To those who are to send money loose in the envelope, if they will send by postal note instead, I will allow them a 5c. premium. No Canada stamps, coin or bills taken.

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## SPECIAL OFFERS AND PREMIUMS ON POTATOES, GOOD TILL MARCH 20.

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1.—I will give five eyes of a variety of ten varieties of my own selection, either all early or all late or one half each for \$1.00. These will be put up before the busy season which explains the low price.

2.—Except as noted on page 45, for an order for a dollars worth of potatoes I will give a years snbscription to either of these papers described on pages 55 and 57,—No. 5, 23, 33, 34, 61 or 73.

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5.—Except as noted on page 45, for an order for four dollars worth of potatoes, I will give any combination of the foregoing of-

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fers to make same value or any one of papers No. 2, 8, 19, 27, 38, 41, 47, 50, 58, 59, 67, 70 or 75.

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7.—Except as noted on page 45, for an order for six dollars worth of potatoes, I will give any combination of the foregoing to get same value or the scale mentioned on page 11 or either of these papers, No. 16, 28, 29, 31, 42\*, 63, 68, 72 or 77.

8.—Except as noted on page 45, for a seven dollar order for potatoes, any combination of the foregoing offers for equal value or either of papers No. 3 or 43.

9.—Except as noted on page 45, for an eight dollar order for potatoes, any combination of the foregoing for equal value or paper No. 30.

10.—Except as noted on page 45, for a ten dollar potato order, the scales mentioned on page 15.

If your order amounts to over ten dollars write for special discount naming what you want. No discount on orders for ten dollars or less except by way of premiums as noted.

Cash must in all cases accompany the order, for no matter how well known you are commercially, I cannot afford to bother with personal ledger accounts at this time of the year.

The potatoes will be sent of course as soon in the spring as the weather will permit with safety, and the premiums immediately after the receipt of your order.

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## HOW I SELECT MY SEED STOCK.

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The continued and careful experiments of the New York Experiment Station has led conclusively to the decision that Seed Potatoes can be bred or grown for productiveness by proper selection of seed stock.

Their experiments were exhaustive on the subject, and the results are rational.

Their methods of experimenting to reach this conclusion, were to plant the largest tubers and smallest tubers from the most productive hills, by themselves, and the same division of the potatoes from the least productive hills of a certain patch.

In most instances the result of the smallest tubers from the most productive hills exceeded in yield those from the largest seed of the least productive hills. The yield of the largest tubers from the most productive hills exceeded by considerable the yield from the largest tubers of the least productive hills.

The principle is plain and reasonable. Why not improve your seed potato stock by selection as well as improve your herd of cows for milk, butter or beef, by selection?

To do this, it must be done at digging time, and of course all know it involves quite a little trouble and expense.

This is the way all my potatoes are selected for seed; so, according to the results of the New York Experiment Station, even my small potatoes are worth more than common, unselected stock of large size.

Do you wonder that we have to get a little more for carefully raised seed potatoes than they are worth to eat.

Another thing of considerable consequence is the changing of seed stock, introducing seed grown in a different climate. I had seed potatoes from over a dozen different sources last year and in many cases direct from the originators and original introducers, to insure true stock. I shall continue to get new seed from reliable growers to compare with my own selected stock, including all the new varieties as fast as they are introduced, thus my customers can get of me the new varieties introduced by the various seedsmen, all in one package, and at money saving prices.

Many potato growers firmly believe it means dollars in their pocket to get seed grown away from their vicinity and do so for their entire crop every year. I know several common farmers who do this to say nothing of market men and specialists.

While I think there is considerable in this, yet I think the careful selection of most productive stock has more to do with it. But

whichever way you think, I can give you some satisfactory stock at the lowest possible prices consistent with thorough work.

I give you first a description of some of my best and cheapest varieties.

It won't always be the highest priced potato that will give you the best satisfaction, though it may be. You can only tell by actual trial which is best for you to grow, my poorest may be your best.

### THE MONROE CO. PRIZE.



**MONROE CO. PRIZE.**

A very productive late variety. Shape, flattened, long and broad; skin smooth and white; very rank grower.

A single hill I pulled up at random last fall had seventeen tubers in it, fourteen of which were marketable, and the largest weighing about a pound a piece. The tops when straightened out were five feet long and all this with the hills a foot apart in the row and seed cut to single eyes.

The seed from which I raised my stock came direct from the introducers and I have a fine lot to offer. As will be seen by the table at the end of the book this variety stands high in order of yield in competitive trials for yield, at different stations. While one of the very best yielders it is at the same time very fine in quality.

Prices: 20 cts. per lb. by mail; by express or freight, 10 cts. per lb.; 65 cts. per pk.; \$2.00 per bn.; \$5.00 per bbl.

## THE WHITE SEEDLING.



This sterling late variety gave the best of satisfaction on my grounds last season. It is an enormous grower and proportionate yielder. It resembles very closely in all respects the Monroe Co. Prize. It is rather more smooth and a little more regularly shaped than that variety. It seems to be perfectly hardy and vigorous. Reports seem to indicate that both the Monroe and this are a considerable improvement on two of the present leading late potatoes, viz. : White Star and Burbank. It is very white and cooks beautifully. An examination of the tables of comparative yield in the back part of this manual will show how high it stands in this requisite. It was one of my most productive sorts the past season.

Prices same as for Monroe Co. Prize.

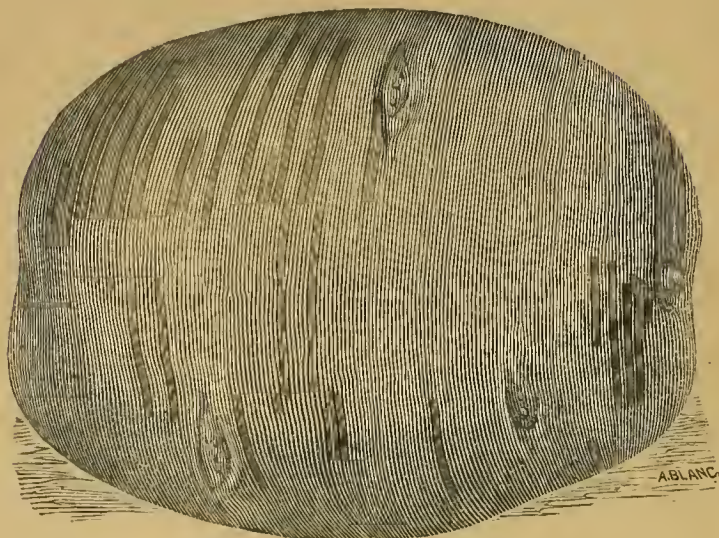
Bbls. are for three measured bushels, or  $2\frac{3}{4}$  weighed 165 lbs.

### WHITE SEEDLING.

It is very probable that the stock of some of the varieties I grew may become exhausted early in the season, so it will save much time if you will say whether I am at liberty to substitute another variety or not. If nothing is said about it and there is not time to correspond about the matter, I shall act according to the best of my judgment in the matter being governed somewhat by the wording of the order. In all cases where it is apparent that you just what is ordered or nothing, if I am out of that variety the money will be immediately returned.



## THE CHARLES DOWNING.



The Charles Downing potato originated in Vermont and is of the Snowflake type. In most sections of the country it has proven an extra yielder, as well as being early and of the very first quality. The potatoes are what most people would call of model shape for cooking purposes, flat-oval, with eyes very scarce and shallow. Many tubers can be found with only one eye on a whole side. With me it yielded at the rate of 336 bushels per acre last year. The tubers are rather scattering in the hill, tops medium heavy. It has proved in some portions to be more susceptible to blight than other varieties and has been therefore condemned. But wherever the soil and climate are right it will be a first-class potato for both market and home use. If you are fastidious about your potatoes this one will suit. At a test of over one hundred varieties at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station a few years ago, this and the Snowflake were the only ones marked the maximum in quality. In the same test is proved to be one of the best yielders.

Prices: 20 ets. per lb. by mail, By express or freight, 10 lbs. at 65 ets. per peck; \$2.00 per bushel; \$5.00 per barrel.

Our nearest shipping point is Hadley on the Central Mass. R. R., a division of the Boston & Maine R. R., though we can ship from Northampton by the Coun. River R. R. or the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R., or from Amherst by the Central Vt. R. R.

All prices herein given are for goods (which are not sent by mail), packed and delivered at express office or R. R. station free.



## LEE'S FAVORITE.

Is one of the few new varieties that seem to have come to stay. Its

popularity is rapidly increasing for various substantial reasons. It is very early, productive and hardy. With me it yielded 346 bu. per acre the past year. While I don't consider it quite as fine in quality as the Downing, it certainly is excellent. The shape of the tuber is not so handsome or taking as the Downing, but still I am inclined to think it will outrival that variety in popularity taking them the country over.

The Ohio Experiment Station for 1885 showed it to outyield about 100 other sorts by quite a handsome lead.

Its shape is long and a little flattened. Color, flesh, pink at the eye and on the end. One of the leading Chicago dealers told me last

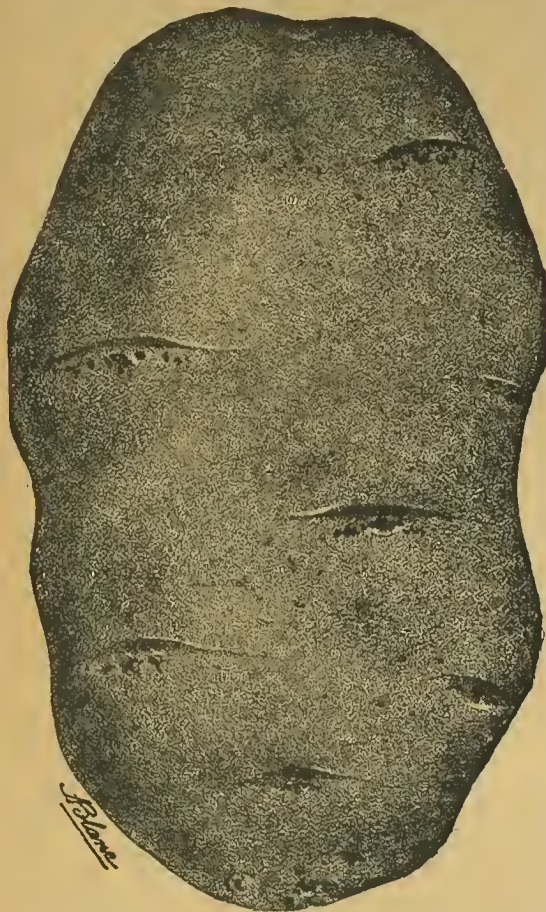
summer that this variety sold best of any early sort.

## TRUE POTATO SEED.

I gathered a quantity of the true potato seed last summer from my varieties, and by particular care that it thoroughly ripened before curing, I offer it in packets of about 50 seeds in a packet, with the name of the variety from which gathered, at 20 cents per packet. Most dealers ask 25 cents per packet of 25 seeds.

Directions for culture accompany each packet.

Try a packet, it will be interesting to see the great variety you will get, some of which may prove very valuable, in which case it will be a little gold mine for a year or two.



## THE EARLY PURITAN.



The Early Puritan was originated by Mr. E. L. Coy, of Washington Co., New York, of Beauty of Hebron fame. It was introduced last year by Messrs. Henderson & Co., of New York. This variety promises very much. It is one of the best in quality, a good yielder, tops very small, tubers very compact in the hill, making very handsome digging, and it is hardy. I think so much of it that I shall raise a large quantity this year. One thing worth noting is its rot resisting quality. In my village there was a patch of Beauty of Hebrons on rich land and beside it on still richer soil of the same nature was a patch of these Early Puritans. They were all harvested about the same time with about half the Hebrons decayed and hardly a poor Puritan in the lot. They are long, not flat, white and have rather large eyes,

Prices: 30 cts. per lb. by mail; by express or freight, 20 cts. per lb., 90 cts. per peck, \$2.75 per bushel, \$7.00 per barral.

## EARLY SUNRISE.



Early Sunrise, is of the rose class, a medium long, handsome potato. Excellent quality, very early.

No. 131. Prices, 25c. per lb. by mail; by express or freight, 15c. per lb., 50c. per peck, \$1.75 per bushel, \$4.50 per barrel.

## THE NEW QUEEN.



The New Queen is a very productive new sort, of fine quality. It

was first introduced only two or three years ago and is a seedling of the Beauty of Hebron. It is very highly commended on all sides.

No. 159. Prices, 25c. per lb. by mail. By express or freight, 15c. per lb., 65c. per peck, \$2.00 per bushel, \$5.00 per barrel.

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## POTATO EYES.

For the price of potato eyes, cut scientifically, with liberal pieces of the tuber attached to each eye, substitute 10 eyes for the word pound and you have it. These will be only strong, healthy pieces and of extra size, so that each plant will be vigorous and sizable. These figures are rock bottom and far below the prices of seedsmen. It is only because I am in the business and grow my own seed that enables me to offer them so reasonable. If anyone offers cuttings cheaper you may be assured they are small pieces and not worth half what mine are to make strong plants. I had some last year from different seedsmen that were not larger than cents and not much thicker. Such eyes will not give the satisfaction that mine will.

*I don't care to put up less than 5 eyes of a variety, and less than that number will be charged at 5 eye rate. 120 eyes of a kind given for the price of 100.*

The advantage of buying the eyes by mail is that you can get started with several new varieties of potatoes at a very small cost, and then you get only the very best eyes, as I shall sell no end pieces for cuttings, and they arrive all cut ready for planting, and that done better than you would be likely to do it. Five eyes ought to yield you, with only ordinary care, from a half peck to a peck of seed for another year. Then a half peck cut to single eyes ought to give you from five to ten bushels, and that would be enough to plant from two to five acres. These calculations are based upon my own results in the past. After you had tried the different kinds the three years you could readily tell which one or two were best adapted to your soil, climate and market, and could discard the others.

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## A FEW OF MY VARIETIES.

For the following 138 varieties, price 15 cts. per pound by express or freight, and 25 cts. per pound by mail.

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|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| NO.  |                                   | 60.  | Mayflower.                 |
| 51.  | Adirondac.                        | 50.  | Mitchell's Seedling.       |
| 18.  | Albino.                           | 117. | Morning Star.              |
| 69.  | Alexander's, No. 1.               | 90.  | Mullally.                  |
| 126. | " Prolific.                       | 46.  | Nevada White.              |
| 97.  | Astonisher.                       | 101. | New Champion.              |
| 39.  | Baker's Imperial.                 | 38.  | New York State.            |
| 26.  | Barstow.                          | 159. | New Queen.                 |
| 122. | Beauty of Hebron.                 | 41.  | Newton's Seedling.         |
| 36.  | " " Late.                         | 82.  | Nott's Victor.             |
| 161. | Beauty of Beauties, Rose's.       | 129. | O. K. Mammoth Prolific.    |
| 119. | Belle.                            | 45.  | Ontario.                   |
| 92.  | Blaine, Jas. G.                   | 61.  | Orange Co. White.          |
| 91.  | Bonanza.                          | 107. | Parson's Prolific.         |
| 21.  | Boston Market.                    | 164. | Peachblow.                 |
| 92.  | Brownell's Best.                  | 116. | Pearl of Savoy.            |
| 68.  | " No. 31.                         | 30.  | Perfect Gem.               |
| 111. | " No. 55.                         | 35.  | Perfection, Finch's.       |
| 27.  | Cambridge Prolific.               | 155. | Potentate.                 |
| 110. | Carter.                           | 63.  | Prairie Farmer.            |
| 10.  | Cayuga.                           | 56.  | Pride of Lisbon.           |
| 86.  | Champlain.                        | 98.  | Pride of the West.         |
| 93.  | Charter Oak.                      | 11.  | Prince Edward Island Rose. |
| 54.  | Cheesman's Seedling.              | 15.  | Princess.                  |
| 102. | Chicago Gem.                      | 108. | Putnam.                    |
| 80.  | Clark's No. 1.                    | 79.  | Queen of the Roses.        |
| 83.  | Collum's Superb.                  | 71.  | Queen of the Valley.       |
| 77.  | Corliss' Matchless.               | 95.  | Ricker's Graft.            |
| 104. | Crane's Extra Keeper.             | 53.  | Rhinbeck.                  |
| 44.  | " June Eating.                    | 67.  | Rochester Favorite.        |
| 32.  | Cream of the Field.               | 73.  | Rose's Invincible.         |
| 105. | Crimson Beauty.                   | 81.  | Rose's No. 74.             |
| 152. | Crown Jewel.                      | 78.  | Rosy Morn.                 |
| 64.  | Dakota Red.                       | 4.   | Rubicund.                  |
| 49.  | Dakota White.                     | 124. | Rural Blush.               |
| 157. | Dandy.                            | 99.  | Rural Buttercup.           |
| 133. | Delaware                          | 55.  | Salt Lake Queen.           |
| 29.  | Dictator                          | 112. | Seneca Red Jacket.         |
| 6.   | Duchess.                          | 22.  | Sheridan, General.         |
| 115. | Early Essex.                      | 57.  | Silver Skin.               |
| 20.  | Early Dawn.                       | 84.  | Snowbank, Knopp's.         |
| 2.   | Early Durham.                     | 58.  | Spaulding.                 |
| 161. | Early Gem.                        | 85.  | Summit.                    |
| 33.  | Early Harvest.                    | 127. | Sunlit Star.               |
| 113. | Early Maine.                      | 52.  | Stanton.                   |
| 165. | Early Mayflower.                  | 7.   | State of Maine.            |
| 19.  | Early New Zeland.                 | 25.  | Steuben Beauty.            |
| 75.  | Early Pearl.                      | 87.  | Steuben Chief.             |
| 168. | Early Rose (true pedigree stock). | 121. | Stray Beauty.              |
| 131. | Early Sunrise.                    | 43.  | Storr's Seedling.          |
| 162. | Early Standard.                   | 3.   | Sylvan.                    |
| 5.   | Early White Prize.                | 62.  | Thunderbolt.               |
| 70.  | El Paso.                          | 128. | Thornbura.                 |
| 120. | Empire State.                     | 17.  | Triumph, Bliss'            |
| 100. | Eno's Seedling.                   | 16.  | Tunix.                     |
| 94.  | Garfield, Burrough's.             | 89.  | Vangnard.                  |
| 14.  | " Landreth's.                     | 42.  | Vick, James.               |
| 59.  | Great Eastern.                    | 156. | Victory.                   |
| 70.  | Green Mountain.                   | 40.  | Weld's No. 14.             |
| 160. | Golden Flesh.                     | 34.  | " No. 22.                  |
| 123. | Hampden Beauty.                   | 66.  | " No. 40.                  |
| 9.   | Jumbo, Weld's.                    | 24.  | White Chief.               |
| 74.  | Junkis.                           | 125. | White Elephant.            |



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| 65. Jones' Prize Taker. | 48. White Flower.   |
| 108. King's Excelsior.  | 76. White Lily.     |
| 139. Lady Finger.       | 96. White Mountain. |
| 23. Logan, General.     | 114. White Star.    |
| 37. Lombard.            | 104. Winslow.       |
| 13. Marshall.           | 31. Yosemite.       |

## A FEW OF THE NOVELTIES.



### BURPEE'S SUPERIOR.

This late potato, introduced this year for the first time, is a seedling of the White Star. It is highly praised as a main cropper and is said to withstand the new (to many of the Eastern States) potato pest, the flea beetle, better than other sorts.

It originated with E. L. Coy, the celebrated potato specialist.

The only objection I can find against it is the depth at which it grows its tuber, which are also scattered thus adding to the expense of digging.

Prices, by mail, 50 cts. per lb., 3 lbs. \$1.25; by freight or express, 40 cts. per lb.; \$1.25 per peck, \$4.00 per bushel, \$8.50 per barrel, two barrels or more \$8.00 per barrel.



### EARLY MARKET (VICK'S).

This new potato introduced this year by James Vick is of the Ohio class, and it is claimed by him to be one of the earliest and best of that family. Its particular feature being its edible qualities before ripening. It is long and round, with small specks on the skin, and the tubers grow compact in the hill.

Prices: 75 cts. per lb. by mail; by express or freight, 65 cts. per lb.: \$1.50 per peck, \$5.00 per bushel, \$10.00 per barrel.



### RURAL NEW YORKER NO. 2.

Introduced this year by James M. Thorburn & Co. Originated at the experimental grounds of "The Rural New Yorker." It is highly praised and undoubtedly very valuable. At the famous test last season at the Rural grounds, it resisted the flea beetle best of the sorts tried and yielded at the rate of over a thousand bushels per acre. It is intermediate in ripening.

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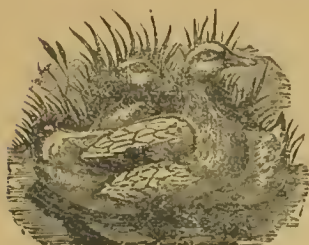
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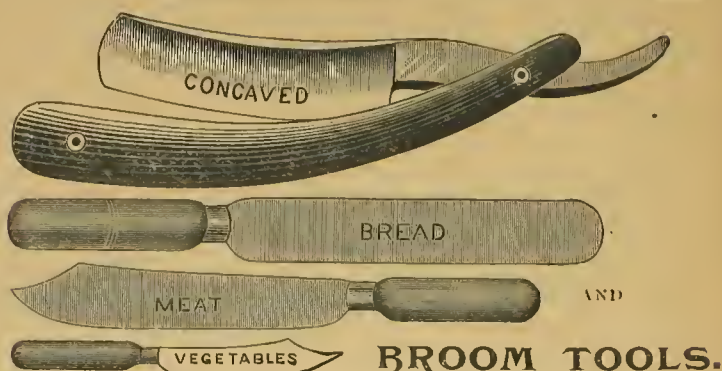
Nos. 18, 33, 40, 44, 49, 56 and 64 I did not have on hand when making up my descriptions and so cannot say as to them. Their size, etc., is taken from Ayer's Newspaper Annual for 1888. The descriptions of all the others are taken right from the papers which I have on file.

I take all the papers on my list and so can inform you at any time in regard to any of them. The size of No. 40 I cannot give as it has recently been made up by consolidations of other papers. The original of this was I. F. & Stockman, m, 10x13, 24p. \$1.00 yr.

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No.	Name.	A.	B.	C.	D.	Where published.	E.	F.
1.	Americau Bee Journal,	w,	8x11,	3,	16,	Chicago, Ill.,	3,	\$1 00
2.	American Breeder,	m,	10x14,	5,	36,	De Kalb, Ill.,	1,	1 00
3.	Americau Cultivator,	w,	18x24,	1,	8,	Boston, Mass.,	2,	2 00
4.	American Dairyman,	w,	11x14,	5,	8,	New York, N. Y.,	3,	1 50
5.	American Farm News,	m,	11x14,	6-1,	16,	Akron, O.,	1,	25
6.	American Poultry Journal,	m,	8x11,	2,	38,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	1 00
7.	American Poultry Yard,	w,	16x22,	2,	4,	Hartford, Conn.,	3,	1 50
8.	American Rural Home,	w,	16x23,	6-1,	8,	Rochester, N. Y.,	3,	1 00
9.	American Swineherd,	m,	8x12,	5,	20,	Alexandria, Dak.,	3,	50
10.	Bee-Ilive,	m,	6x9,	3,	12,	Andover, Conn.,	3,	25
11.	Bee Keeper's Advance,	m,	6x9,	3-2,	32,	Mechanic Falls, Me.,	3,	50
12.	Bee-Keepers' Guide,	m,	6x9,	3,	32,	Kendallville, Ind.,	2,	50
13.	Bee-Keepers' Review,	m,	6x9,	3,	16,	Flint, Mich.,	3,	50
14.	California Cackler,	m,	9x12,	2,	22,	San Francisco, Cal.,	2,	1 00
15.	City and Country,	m,	11x15,	6,	16,	Columbus, O.,	2,	50
16.	Colorado Live Stock Review,	w,	11x20,	1-6,	8,	Pueblo, Colo.,	3,	2 00
17.	Cornucopia,	m,	11x16,	6,	8,	Norfolk, Va.,	3,	50
18.	Delaware Farm and Home,	w,	26x40,	1-6,	8,	Wilmington, Del.		1 00
19.	Fanciers Gazette,	m,	8x11,	2,	44,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	2,	1 25
20.	Farm, Field and Stockman,	w,	11x15,	1-5,	16,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	1 00
21.	Farm and Fireside,	s-m,	11x15,	1-6,	16,	Springfield, O.,	3,	50
22.	Farm and Garden,	q,	11x14,	4,	16,	Thorn Hill, N. Y.,	3,	25
23.	Farm Journal,	m,	9x12,	1,	20,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	2,	50
24.	Farm Journal,	m,	10x14,	1-6,	16,	Richmond, Va.,	3,	50
25.	Farmer's Home,	m,	11x16,	1,	12,	Dayton, O.,	2,	50
26.	Farmers Home Journal,	w,	17x22,	1-5,	8,	Louisville, Ky.,	2,	1 50
27.	Farmers' Voice,	w,	10x13,	6,	28,	Chicago, Ill.,	3,	1 00
28.	Florida Agriculturist,	w,	11x15,	1,	16,	DeLand, Fla.,	3,	2 00
29.	Florida Dispatch,	w,	10x13,	1,	24,	Jacksonville, Fla.,	3,	2 00
30.	Garden and Forest,	w,	9x12,	4,	18,	New York, N. Y.,	1,	1 00
31.	Germantown Telegraph,	w,	23x31,	1-6,	4,	Germantown, Pa.,	3,	2 00
32.	Gleanings in Bee Culture,	s-m,	8x10,	3,	36,	Medina, O.,	1,	1 00



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33.	Green's Fruit Grower,	q,	30x46,	4,	8,	Rochester, N. Y.,		50
34.	Herds and Flocks,	s-m,	9x12,	5,	16,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	1 00
35.	Home and Farm,	s-m,	17x24,	6-1,	8,	Louisville, Ky.,	3,	50
36.	Home, Farm and Factory,	m,	11x15,	6,	12,	St. Louis, Mo.,	2,	50
37.	Holstein-Friesian Register,	s-m,	9x12,	5,	16,	Brattleboro, Vt.,	1,	1 50
38.	Housekeeper,	s-m,	11x16,	6,	16,	Minneapolis, Minn.,	3,	1 00
39.	Housewife,	m,	11x14,	6,	24,	Greenfield, Mass.,	3,	50
40.	Iowa Farmer and Breeder,			1-5,		Cedar Rapids, Iowa,		50
41.	Live-Stock Indicator,	w,	15x22,	5,	8,	Kansas City, Mo.,	3,	1 00
42.	Massachusetts Ploughman,	w,	18x23,	1,	8,	Boston, Mass.,	2,	2 00
43.	Montana Live-Stock Journal,	w,	15x21,	5-6,	16,	Helena, Montana,	3,	3 00
44.	National Farm and Fireside,	s-m,	11x15,	1,	16,	Washington, D. C.,		50
45.	New England Fancier,	m,	10x12,	2,	20,	Danielsonville, Conn.,	2,	50
46.	Ohio Farmer,	w,	11x16,	1,	24,	Cleveland, O.,	2,	1 00
47.	Ohio Poultry Journal,	m,	9x12,	2,	28,	Dayton, O.,	1,	1 00
48.	Ohio Swine Journal,*	m,	6x9,	5,	18,	Dayton, O.,	2,	50
49.	Ohio Valley Farmer,	m,	11x15,	1,	12,	Wheeling, W. Va.,		50
50.	Orange Judd Farmer,	w,	11x16,	1,	24,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	1 00
51.	Orchard and Garden,	m,	9x12,	4,	24,	Little Silver, N. J.,	1,	50
52.	Pacific Farmer,	w,	10x12,	1-6,	16,	Portland, Oregon,	3,	2 00
53.	Park's Floral Magazine,	m,	6x9,	7,	16,	Fannettsburg, Pa.,	2,	50
54.	Popular Gardening,	m,	9x12,	4	46,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	1,	1 00
55.	Poultry Bulletin,	m,	9x12,	2,	46,	New York, N. Y.,	1,	50
56.	Poultry Herald,	m,	9x12,	2,	8,	St. Paul, Minn.,	2,	35
57.	Poultry Keeper,	m,	9x12,	2,	16,	Parkersburg, Pa.,		50
58.	Poultry Monthly,	m,	9x11,	2,	56,	Albany, N. Y.,	1,	1 25
59.	Poultry World,	m,	9x11,	2,	56,	Hartford, Conn.,	1,	1 25
60.	Poultryman,	m,	8x11,	2,	8,	Boston, Mass.,	2,	50
61.	Rays of Light,	m,	11x16,	2-3,	8,	N. Manchester, Ind.,	3,	25
62.	Rural Long Islander,	q,	15x25,	2 6,	8,	Stony Brook, N. Y.,	3,	25
63.	Rural New-Yorker,	w,	11x16,	1,	16,	New York, N. Y.,	1,	2 00
64.	Rural and Workman,	w,	11x14,	1,	16,	Little Rock, Ark.,	2,	1 50
65.	Santa Clara Valley,	m,	10x14,	4,	20,	San Jose, Cal.,		1 50
66.	Statesman,	m,	6x9,	6-8,	72,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	2 00
67.	Stock Farmer,	m,	6x9,	5,	52,	Fort Worth, Texas,	3,	1 00
68.	Sugar-Bowl and Farm Journal,	w,	11x14,	1,	21,	New Orleans, La.,	2,	2 00
69.	Texas Live-Stock Journal,	w,	10x14,	5,	16,	Fort Worth, Texas,	3,	1 50
70.	Western Agriculturist,	m,	9x12,	5,	40,	Quincy, Ill.,	2,	1 10
71.	Western Farmer and Stockman,	m,	11x16,	1,	16,	Sioux City, Iowa,	3,	50
72.	W. Sportsman & Live-Stock News,	w,	11x15,	5,	20,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	3,	2 00
73.	W. Tree Planter & Fruit Grower,	m,	11x15,	4,	8,	Elgin, Ill.,	3,	50
74.	Western World,	q,	11x15,	6,	16,	Chicago, Ill.,	1,	25
75.	Wheel-Enterprise and Stockman,	w,	15x22,	1,	8,	Little Rock, Arks.,	3,	1 00
76.	Wisconsin Agriculturist,	m,	11x15,	1-6,	16,	Racine, Wis.,	3,	50
77.	Youth's Companion,	w,	12x16,	6,	12,	Boston, Mass.,	1,	1 75

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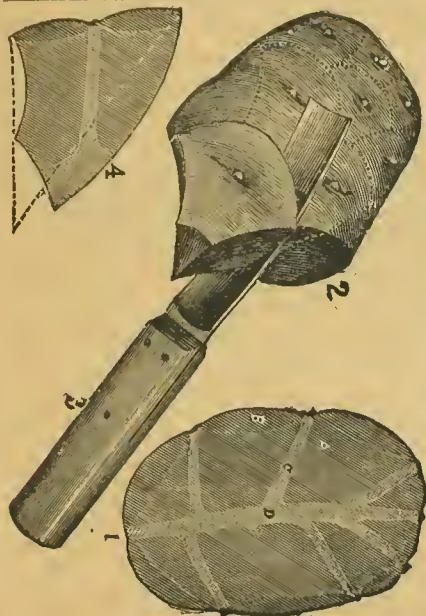
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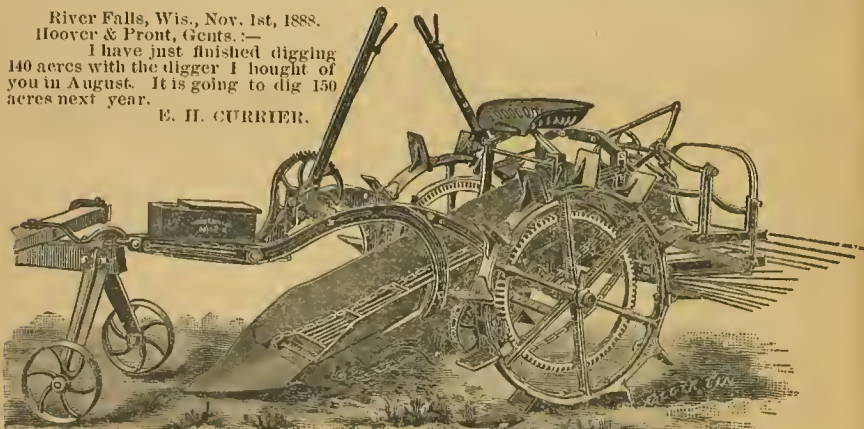
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### TO BOOK PUBLISHERS.

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Magazines and pamphlets will also be noticed under this heading.



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## SUGGESTIONS.

All cultivating and hoeing should cease as soon as the small potatoes begin to set, as great damage is done by disturbing the roots after that. The weeds should be under such thorough subjection before this time that the branching tops which now begin to cover the ground will prevent any further weed growth.

Good potatoes should contain about 25 per cent. of dry matter, which leaves three-fourths of their bulk for water.

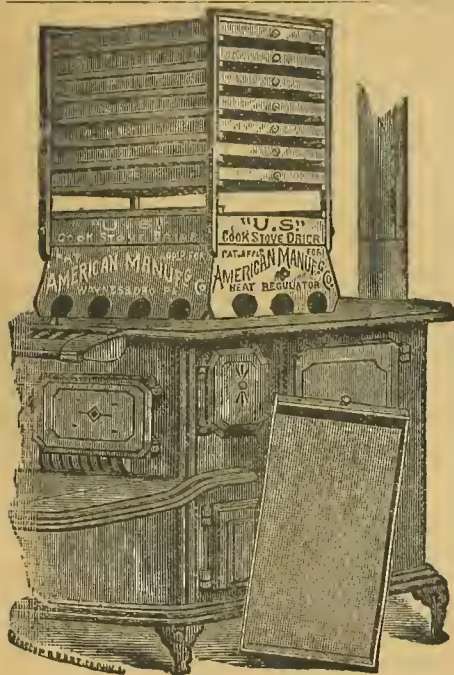
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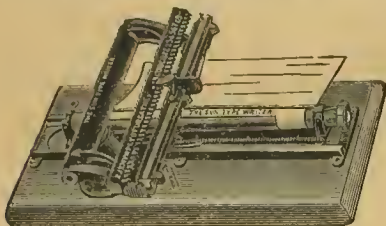
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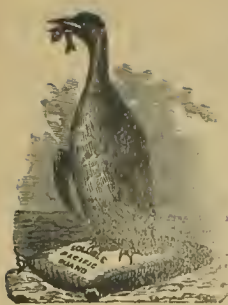
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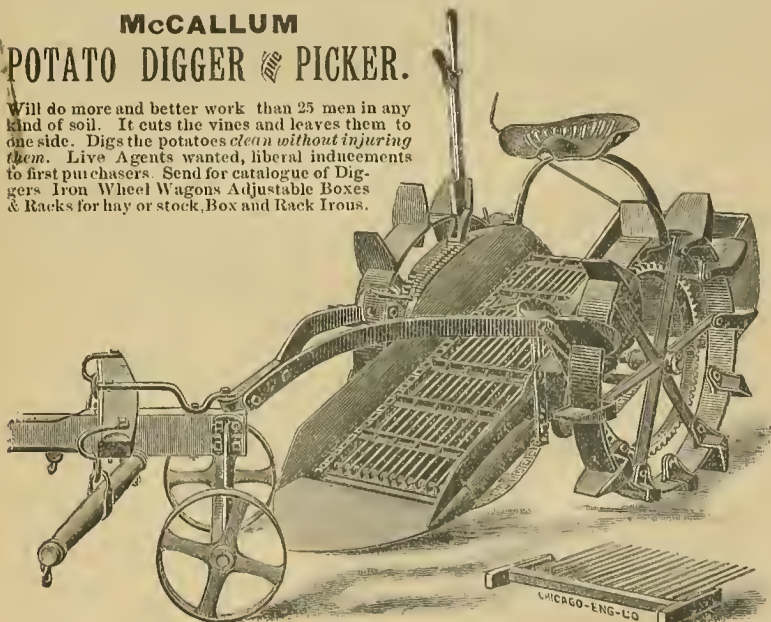
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